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## State Water Resources Control Board

Division of Drinking Water

April 21, 2015

Mr. Chris Hanko  
Administrator  
Angelo Lane Water Company  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

Dear Mr. Hanko:

**CITATION NO. 02-17-15C-003  
TOTAL COLIFORM RULE MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION  
ANGELO LANE WATER COMPANY, WATER SYSTEM NO. 4300578**

Enclosed is a citation issued to Angelo Lane Water Company (hereafter, Water System or ALWC). The citation is issued as the Water System failed to comply with Section 64426.1(b)(2), Chapter 15, Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR). The total coliform maximum contaminant level was not met during March 2015.

The attached citation consists of seven sections: Applicable Authorities, Statement of Facts, Determination, Directives, Parties Bound, Severability and Further Enforcement Action. The Applicable Authorities, Statement of Facts and Determination sections describe the events leading up to the issuance of the citation. The Directives section specifies what the Water System needs to do to return to compliance. The Parties Bound, Severability and Further Enforcement Action sections describe administrative penalties to be assessed for failure to comply with the citation. No administrative penalty is levied with the current citation.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Jose P. Lozano IV, P.E. at (510) 620-3459 or me at (510) 620-3453.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric Lacy".

Eric Lacy, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Santa Clara District  
Division of Drinking Water  
State Water Resources Control Board

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2) Proof of Notification (Attachment B)

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
**WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD**  
**DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER**

**TO:** Angelo Lane Water Company  
Water System No. 4300578  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

**ATTN:** Mr. Chris Hanko  
Administrator  
Angelo Lane Water Company  
6930 Laura Lane  
Gilroy, CA 95020

**CITATION FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22,**  
**SECTION 64426.1(b)(2) – WATER SYSTEM NO. 4300578**  
**CITATION NO. 02-17-15C-003**  
**Issued on April 21, 2015**

Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code authorizes the issuance of a citation to a public water system for violation of the California Safe Drinking Water Act (Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270) (hereinafter "California SDWA"), or any regulation, standard, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder.

1 The State Water Resources Control Board, acting by and through its Division of Drinking  
2 Water (hereinafter "Division" or "DDW") and the Deputy Director for the Division (hereinafter  
3 "Deputy Director"), hereby issues a citation to the Angelo Lane Water Company (hereinafter,  
4 "ALWC" or "Water System") (mailing address: 6930 Laura Lane, Gilroy, CA 95020) for  
5 violation of California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsection  
6 (b)(2).

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9 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

10 **Section 116650 of California Health and Safety Code provides:**

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12 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of  
13 this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued or adopted  
14 thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the public water system. The citation shall  
15 be served upon the public water system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be  
16 deemed effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the certified mail.  
17 If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to accept delivery of the certified mail, the  
18 date of service shall be deemed to be the date of mailing.

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20 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the  
21 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision, standard, order,  
22 citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been violated.

23 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the condition  
24 constituting the violation.

25 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in  
26 subdivision (e).



1 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one  
2 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation occurred, and for each day  
3 that a violation continues to occur. A separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.  
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6 **California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1 subsection (b)(2) provides, in**  
7 **relevant part:**  
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9 A public water system, which collects less than 40 samples per month, is in violation of the  
10 Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) when more than one sample collected  
11 during any month is total coliform-positive.  
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### 13 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

14 ALWC is a community water system, located approximately four (4) miles east of the City of  
15 Gilroy, which serves domestic water to an estimated population of 52 persons via 15 service  
16 connections (2014 Annual Report to the Drinking Water Program). The water system  
17 supplies water to residences on Ivan Way, Angelo Lane, Laura Lane, Vista del Sol and  
18 Cañada Road. ALWC's water system consists of a well (Well 01; Primary Station Code  
19 (PSC) No. 4300578-001), a 10,000-gallon galvanized steel tank, five hydropneumatic tanks  
20 and a 10 horsepower (HP) booster pump to supply water to a distribution system, which  
21 comprises one pressure zone. Based on the DDW-approved bacteriological sample siting  
22 plan (BSSP) dated January 31, 2014 on file, the Water System is required to collect and  
23 have analyzed a minimum of one sample per month for bacteriological quality from the  
24 distribution system. If a routine sample contains coliform bacteria, ALWC is required to  
25 collect a repeat sample set consisting of four sample sites. In addition, in accordance with  
26 the Groundwater Rule, ALWC is required to collect a triggered source monitoring sample if  
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1 the routine sample contains coliform bacteria. This sample is in addition to the repeat  
2 samples collected in compliance with the Total Coliform Rule.

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4 On March 3, 2015, the Water System collected a routine sample, which tested "present" for  
5 total coliform and "absent" for *E. coli*. Five repeat samples, including one from Well 01, were  
6 collected on March 5, 2015. The March 5, 2015 well sample was clean. Three of remaining  
7 four distribution system repeat samples, collected on March 5, 2015, tested "present" for total  
8 coliform and "absent" for *E. coli*. To mitigate the bacteriological contamination problem, the  
9 Water System disinfected the distribution system and flushed the lines after disinfection.  
10 Five coliform samples were collected from the distribution system on March 12, 2015. All  
11 five samples yielded negative results. Routine sampling in April 2015, consisting of five  
12 samples, also yielded negative results. The negative results indicate that the bacteriological  
13 contamination problem has been resolved at this time. Overall, the Water System collected  
14 eleven samples in March 2015, of which four (4) samples tested "present" for total coliform,  
15 therefore the Water System violated the total coliform MCL in March 2015.

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17 The Water System needs to inform its customers about the bacteriological contamination  
18 problem, and that it has been resolved. Thus, ALWC must perform public notification by  
19 posting a Total Coliform MCL- Resolved Notice in conspicuous places served by the Water  
20 System and providing each customer a copy of the resolved notice. A copy of the notice  
21 (Attachment A) approved by the Division on April 16, 2015 for notifying its users regarding  
22 the resolved bacteriological contamination problem is attached.

### 23 DETERMINATION

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25 The Division has determined that ALWC failed to comply with the Total Coliform MCL during  
26 March 2015. During March 2015, the Water System collected 11 routine and repeat  
27 samples, of which four repeat samples were total coliform-positive and *E. coli*-negative.



**DIRECTIVES**

ALWC is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1) Forthwith, ALWC shall cease and desist from failing to comply with Subsection 64426.1 (b)(2), Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR immediately.
- 2) ALWC shall conduct public notification, using the Division-approved notice by May 4, 2015 for the total coliform MCL violation in conformance with Section 64463.4, Chapter 15, Title 22, CCR. The notification shall be performed in accordance with the following methods:
  - a. Method 1 – Notice by mail or direct delivery shall be given to each customer receiving a bill including those that provide their drinking water to others (e.g. schools or school systems, apartment building owners, or large private employers), and other service connections to which water is delivered by the water system; and
  - b. Method 2 – Posting in conspicuous public places served by the water system to reach persons not likely to be reached by a mailing or direct delivery (renters, university students, nursing home patients, prison inmates, etc.).
- 3) Complete and return the enclosed Proof of Notification form (Attachment B) within seven days of completion of the public notification. A copy of the notice(s) used shall be attached to the Proof of Notification form.
- 4) Prepare a written Corrective Action Plan (CAP), based on your findings of the investigation of the bacteriological contamination problem. The plan shall include an evaluation of the causes that led to this incident, the follow-up actions taken to correct the





1 problem, and preventive measures to be taken to prevent the reoccurrence of  
2 bacteriological contamination in the future. Submit the report to the Department by May  
3 26, 2015.

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5 The Division reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation as it may deem  
6 necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be issued as  
7 amendments to this Citation, and shall be deemed effective upon issuance.

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9 Nothing in this Citation relieves ALWC of its obligation to meet the requirements of the  
10 California Safe Drinking Water Act, or of any regulation, permit, standard, or order issued or  
11 adopted thereunder.

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13 All submittals required by this Citation shall be submitted to the Division at the following  
14 address:

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17 Mr. Eric Lacy, P.E., District Engineer  
18 Santa Clara District  
19 Division of Drinking Water  
20 State Water Resources Control Board  
850 Marina Bay Parkway, Building P, Second Floor  
Richmond, CA 94804

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23 **PARTIES BOUND**

24 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon ALWC, its officers, directors, shareholders,  
25 agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.



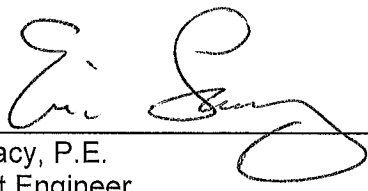
**SEVERABILITY**

The Directives of this Citation are severable, and ALWC shall comply with each and every provision thereof, notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other provision.

**FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

The California SDWA authorizes the Division to: issue citation with assessment of administrative penalties to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the requirements of the California SDWA or any permit, regulation, permit or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to, failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The California SDWA also authorizes the Division to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the Division; and to petition the superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with violates an order of the Division. The Division does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this citation.

Apr. 21, 2015  
Date

  
Eric Lacy, P.E.  
District Engineer  
Santa Clara District  
Division of Drinking Water  
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

### Angelo Lane Water Company Had Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took 11 samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during March 2015. Four (4) of our samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

#### What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

### **What happened? What was done?**

The Angelo Lane Water Company water system tested positive for coliform bacteria from a sample taken on March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015. On March 5<sup>th</sup> five repeat samples (one of which was from the well and the remaining four from the distribution system) were taken, of which three came up positive for coliform bacteria. The March 5<sup>th</sup> well sample result was negative for coliform bacteria. Due to the absence of coliform bacteria in the well, it was decided to disinfect and subsequently flush the distribution system.

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Tom Estrada chlorinated the tank and the distribution system and allowed a contact time of three hours before flushing the tank and the distribution system.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, Tom Estrada pulled five more repeat samples, all of which were negative of coliform bacteria.

In the following month, April 2015, Tom Estrada pulled the required five routine samples, all of which were negative of coliform bacteria.

For more information, please contact Thomas Estrada at (831) 245-7595 or Chris Hanko at (408) 624-0979.

*Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.*

This notice is being sent to you by Angelo Lane Water Company.

State Water System ID#: 4300578. Date distributed: 04-16-15.

## PROOF OF NOTIFICATION

Citation Number 02-17-15C-003

Angelo Lane Water Company  
System Number: 4300578

As required by Section 116450 of the California Health and Safety Code, I notified the users of the water supplied by Angelo Lane Water Company of the violations of Title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR) for the compliance period of March 2015. I complied with the directives of this citation as indicated below:

Required Action

Date  
Completed

Conduct Public Notification – (Attach copy of the notice(s) used.)

Submit Corrective Action Plan


\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Water System Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER (DDW). A COPY OF THE POSTED NOTICE MUST BE ATTACHED TO THIS FORM.**

**Disclosure:** Be advised that Section 116725 and 116730 of the California Health and Safety Code states that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the attached citation may be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation for each day that violation continues. In addition, the violators may be prosecuted in criminal court and upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or be imprisoned in county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.